

try to use the system to their best advantage. I offered the amendment, as Senator Hannibal said, to clean up the homestead exemption law last time in 1252. It tightened it. It required that there would be annual application required. I bought a home that was under homestead exemption because the individual was 96-years old. I got that homestead exemption the first year I was in the home. I had to go down and tell the assessor, no, I was no longer that 96-year-old lady. I need to pay my property tax. Those are problems that we have corrected. We are correcting other problems in LB 1105 through Senator Miller's bill. This amendment just says that the process that we have used through the sliding scale is a good one. It eliminates those people from just being cut off because they might be a dollar or five dollars over, and I think that it is a good policy for us to take. Should we take a look at the entire homestead exemption program? Yes. That should be done in the interim study process. But to say that this sliding scale is not appropriate at this time or that it is premature, I think is a little much. I think it is a good way to continue the program in that we have and I don't think that the cost is a burden. I think Senator Lynch clearly points out that the homestead exemption has saved us money in other ways by keeping individuals in their home, keeping them out of institutions, keeping them off government programs, and with this amendment, I think we continue to adopt that public policy. I would urge the adoption of the amendment.

SPEAKER BARRETT: You have heard...thank you...you have heard the closing and the question is the return of the bill to Select File for purpose of an amendment. All in favor of that motion vote aye, opposed nay. Record. A record vote has been requested.

CLERK: (Read record vote. See pages 2022-23 of the Legislative Journal.) 13 ayes, 28 nays, Mr. President, on the motion to return.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Motion fails. Proceed with the reading of the bill, Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: (Read LB 1105 on Final Reading.)

SPEAKER BARRETT: All provisions of law relative to procedure having been complied with, the question is, shall LB 1105 pass? Those in favor vote aye, opposed nay. Have you all voted?